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Matyjaszewski, et al.

IMPROVEMENTS IN ATOM OR  
GROUP TRANSFER RADICAL  
POLYMERIZATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312  
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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated June 27, 2002 ("Office Action") issued in the above-identified patent application ("subject application"), Applicants herein amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on page 202 of the specification, as follows:

"ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The present invention relates to multifunctional polymerization initiators

comprising a radically polymerizable atom or group and at least one non-ATRP polymerization

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